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1. During the first part of January 1951 a small cub aircraft was seen over Braila. Residents say that this cub aircraft is based at the Lacul Sarat Soviet airfield.
2. Reportedly, the Ianca airport is still under construction. Civilians, soldiers, and "aristocratic" youth have been drafted to work on this airport.
3. Observation towers are now under construction at the Progresul Factory in Braila (formerly Franco Romana). Forty-five observation towers of wood and iron are to be constructed in Rumania. As of December 1950, thirty towers have already been completed. Four of these towers with Soviet guards are located along the coastline between Galati and Braila.
4. Reportedly, the Tractorul Factory (formerly IAR Factory) which has been making tractors will reconvert to aircraft production.
5. A new highway bridge over the Prahova River between Banesti and Campina is under construction. This bridge is scheduled to be completed by 1952.
6. The road from Basarab to Cernavoda has been paved. The road between Braila and Giurgiu was asphalted in September 1950.

A Soviet wide gauge railroad exists into Rumania from Reni to Larga. At Larga goods are transferred to Rumanian standard gauge freight cars. The materials brought from the Soviet Union include machinery, pig iron, aluminum, lead, bronze, cables, and small trucks.

A new dock area in Galati is now on a round the clock schedule. The iron ore which is brought to the new basin area, is reloaded on railroad cars and lighters. It is then taken up the Danube River for processing. New furnaces have been installed in the new basin area for processing the ore. These furnaces are not yet completed.

Each day eight to twelve trains pass Floesti en route to Brasov. Each train needs three locomotives to make the grade. Each train consists of 60 cars.

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10. Reportedly, Danube River traffic is increasing, to the point that [REDACTED] pilots are being rehired on a small scale. Cargoes do not agree with the manifest in most cases, since war materiel is being transported.

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